REMARKS

Applicants thanks the examiner for an indication of the allowability of claims 3 and 9.

Claims 1,2, 4-8, and 10-14 stand rejected. Independent claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the features of claim 3. Independent claim 6 has been amended to incorporate the features of claims 8 and 9. Independent claim 13 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of claim 3. Independent claim 14 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of claim 3. Claims 3, 4, 8, 9 and 10 have been cancelled, without prejudice. Withdrawal of the rejections is respectfully requested.

For the foregoing reasons, applicant believes that this case is in condition for allowance, which is respectfully requested. The examiner should call the applicant's attorney if an interview would expedite prosecution.

Respectfully submitted.

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